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SUBJ: RSA PRESS REPORTS PRES CARTER CALLS MEETING OF US
INVESTORS IN RSA

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DURBAN SUNDAY TRIBUNE FEB 20 CARRIED ARTICLE FROM ARGUS NEW YORK
BUREAU BY HUGH ROBERTON WHICH SAYS PRES CARETER WILL SUMMON TO
WASHINGTON FOR MEETING CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED
AMERICAN COMPANIES WITH SUBSIDIARIES AND INVESTMENTS IN RSA.
MEETING CALLED FIRST STEP BY NEWUS ADMIN TO EXERT ECONOMIC
PRESSURE ON RSA TO CHANGE ITS RACE POLICY. ARTICLE RECALLED PRES
CARTER STATEMENTS DURING CAMPAIGN THAT RSA WAS VULNERABLE TO US
ECONOMIC PRESSURE, ALSO VANCE STATEMENT BEFORE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE THAT US COMPANIES IN RSA COLD HELP US POLICY.
REACTION OF SEVERAL COMPANIES REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN TO SEND
INVESTIGATORS AND CONSULTANTS TO RSA TO LOOK INTO SITUATION.
COMPANIES SAID "RELUCTANT" TO DISCUSS MEETING BUT CONFIRMED
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THEY HAD RECEIVED SUMMONS TO ATTEND AND THAT THEY EXPECTED
CARTER ADMIN WISHES TO WORK OUT A CODE OF ETHICS CONFERNING
FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN THEIR OPERATIONS IN RSA.
SOME DEMANDS WHICH ANTICIPATED BY US EXECUTIVES REGARDING THEIR
RSA OPERATIONS:

A) REMOVAL OF SEGREGATED FACILITIESIN FACTORIES AND OFFICES.

- B) EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK AND EQUAL ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES.
- C) PROMOTION OF BLACKS TO MANAGERIAL AND ADVISORY POSITIONS, WITH ACTIVE PROGRAMS TO TRAIN BLACKS.
- D) SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN HOUSING AND OTHER FACILITIES PROVIDED TO BLACK WORKERS.
- E) APPOINTMENT OF AMERICAN BLACKS TO SENIOR POSITIONS IN US COMPANIES IN RSA.

COMPANIES INDICATED THEY WOULD ALSO BE EXPECTED TO NOTIFY THE US ADMIN IF SAG OFFICIALS OPPOSED REFORMS INSTITUTED IN THEIR SA OPERATIONS.

ARTICLE SAID STRICTEST SECRECY IS BEING OBSERVED IN WASHINGTON ABOUT MEETING. REPEATED, PERSISTENT, UNSUCCESSFUL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM WHITE HOUSE, STATE DEPT AND NSC WERE REPORTED.

ARTICLE ENDED SAYING SAG OFFICIALS IN USA WHILE APPARENTLY AWARE OF THE SUMMONS DECLINED TO COMMENT THOUGH MATTER HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF SAG AT CABINET LEVEL.

TEXT BEING FORWARDED TO STATE DEPT AF/S AND USIA/IAA.
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